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SUBJECT: VISIS OF ARTHUR GOLDBERG

1. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 7 THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH RABIN AND OTHER GOI LEADERS HE STRESSED PRIVATELY WHAT HE HAD BEEN SAYING PUBLICLY; ISRAEL SHOULD SEEK AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH U.S. GOLDBERG THOUGHT THAT GOI POSITION HAD SOFTENED AND HE EXPECTED GOI APPROVAL OF INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH SOME "COSMETIC" CHANGES AFTER ISRAEL HAD GONE THROUGH ALL THE MOTIONS OF SAVING FACE AND PROVING IT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE AGAINST A "DEADLINE," I.E., AFTER DINITZ RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND RABIN MEETING WITH KISSINGER. THEN, HE THOUGHT, GOI WOULD " GIVE IN" TO PRESIDENT FORD. GOLDBERG WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF "STYLE" OF ADMINISTRATION IN DEALING WITH ISRAEL AND CLAIMED " CARROT-AND-STICK" TECHNIQUE WOULD NOT WORK. HE FAVORED SUBSTANCE OF ADMINISTRATIN POSITION, HOWEVER, AND AGREED IT IMPERATIVE FOR QUICK PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE TO AVOID ANOTHER WAR.

2. GOLDBERG SAID RABIN TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM RE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF PASSES AND INSISTED HE MAKE TRIP TO SINAI ON JULY 7; HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR GENERAL TAMIR, DIRECTOR OF PLANS. GOLDBERG TOLD US AFTER TRIP THAT TAMIR EXPECTEDLY MADE STRONG PITCH RE VALUE OF PASSES TO ISRAEL. TRIP MOST INTERESTING BUT, AS LAYMAN, GOLDBERG SAID HE NOT ABLE MAKE MILITARY JUDGMENT RE PASSES.

3. GOLDBERG LEFT TODAY FOR LONDON AND PLANS RETURN TO U.S.

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